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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

MASSACHUSETTS MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Resident Agent in Charge Cliff Ellston and Dover Police Chief William Fenniman today announced that Adrian “Angel” Jenkins, age 22, of Dorchester, Massachusetts, was sentenced in the United States District Court to sixty-one months incarceration and a supervised release period of three years for illegally possessing a firearm. Jenkins pleaded guilty in October of 2005 to a federal firearms charge, admitting that he illegally possessed a firearm, having previously been convicted of a felony. It is a federal violation for any individual who has been convicted of a felony to possess a firearm.

On October 13, 2004, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Dover Police Department responded to a complaint that a bullet had been fired through a window at Hampshire Circle in Dover. The authorities were able to track the trajectory of the bullet to an apartment where Jenkins was present. A 38-caliber revolver was found in the apartment. Jenkins, who was arrested and charged with Criminal Trespass and Violation of a Protection Order in connection with a Domestic Violence Petition, later admitted to possessing the firearm and discharging it. A criminal records check revealed that Jenkins had previously been convicted in Suffolk Superior Court in Boston of the felony offenses of Robbery, Assault and Battery, Intimidation, Armed Robbery, and Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: “This case is just one example of this Office’s commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by the Attorney General’s “Project Safe Neighborhoods” (PSN) initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of convicted felons is one of our main objectives. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we expand the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire.”

This prosecution resulted from an investigation conducted by the agents of the U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Dover Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Helen White Fitzgibbon.